

DISCUSSION GUIDE

RAPE: A PREVENTIVE INQUIRY

Can a woman prevent a rape attack? Rape is one of the nation's most common crimes of violence. Yet myths about its causes, about the rapist and worse, about how a woman should deal with a rape/assault situation are widespread. **RAPE: A PREVENTIVE INQUIRY** gives practical advice women can use to decrease their chances of being raped, and gives survival alternatives in case an attack occurs.

For rape crisis centers, social service agencies, women's groups, crime prevention agencies, employee groups, junior high, high school and college students and concerned individuals.

OBJECTIVES

By viewing this film, the viewer will:

- identify with actual victims of rape attack
- understand what can be done to lessen the chances of being assaulted.

SYNOPSIS

"Be informed, be aware" is this film's central theme. And **RAPE: A PREVENTIVE INQUIRY** makes its point powerfully and dramatically.

- Actual rape/assault victims of the four most common rape situations tell what happened to them, and of its impact on their lives, attitudes, and activities. Their message is simply: "It can happen to you — if you're not aware."
- Four convicted rapists, responsible for the rape/assault of over 125 victims, tell the how and why of rape from their viewpoint. They debunk the concept of rape as a sex crime and of self-defense as a practical deterrent. Says one, "The girl I was with struggled, and she's dead."

- Investigators from the San Francisco Sex Crimes Detail show how to avoid potential rape situations, discuss ways of dealing with a rapist that other women have used successfully to escape rape, and zero in on the gut issue of what to do if rape seems inevitable.

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QUESTIONS

1. How can you be more secure at home?
 - a. Do you use the locks on all doors and windows?
 - b. If you are single, is your first name on the mailbox? In the telephone book?
 - c. Do you require repairmen to present identification?
 - d. Would you let a stranger into your home to make a phone call?
 - e. Do you have ample outdoor lighting?
 - f. Can you be watched in the privacy of your home?
2. How can you cut down the chances of the kidnap assault?
 - a. Do you go out at night alone?
 - b. Do you avoid unfamiliar neighborhoods?
 - c. Is there any way in your day-to-day life that you might be setting yourself up for a kidnap?
 - d. Are you observant of strangers who might be following or watching you?
 - e. Do you walk with poise and confidence as if you knew exactly where you're going?
 - f. Are you aware of how a potential rapist might see you? Do you stand out in a crowd?
 - g. Do you wear the kind of clothing that will allow you to move freely and run if necessary?
 - h. Do you always lock your car?
 - i. Do you always check the back seat of your car before getting in?
 - j. Are you prepared to scream if necessary?
3. How can you prevent the hitchhiking assault?
4. How can you protect yourself from the casual acquaintance rape?
5. Are you guilty of thinking "It couldn't happen to me?"
6. What do you think would be your own best personal defense? Resist? Submit? Talk your way out of it?
7. What about a self defense course?
8. Should you carry a weapon? If so, what kind and how would you use it?
9. What are some good reasons for reporting a rape attack?

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